

Installation Instructions for  
**Heating only**  
**903990, 903994 &**  
**918082**  
 and  
**Heating & Cooling**  
**903992 & 918081**



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## YOUR THERMOSTAT REPLACES

Description	903990	903992 918081
Standard Heating & Cooling Systems - 4 or 5 wires	No	Yes
Standard Heat Only Systems	Yes	Yes
Millivolt Heat Only Systems - Floor or Wall Furnaces	Yes	Yes
Standard Central Air Conditioning	No	Yes
Gas or Oil Heat	Yes	Yes
Electric Furnace	Yes	Yes
Hydronic (Hot Water) Zone Heat - 2 Wires	Yes	Yes
Hydronic (Hot Water) Zone Heat - 3 Wires	No	No
Heat Pump (No Aux or Emergency Heat)	No	Yes
Heat Pump (with Aux or Emergency Heat)	No	No
Baseboard Electric Heating or Line Voltage (120 or 240 Volt)	No	No

## ② THERMOSTAT FEATURES

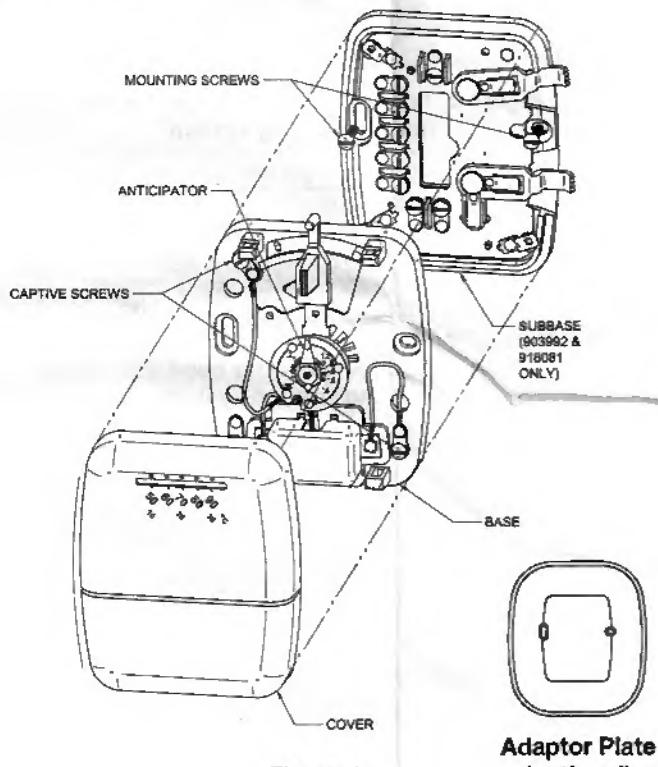
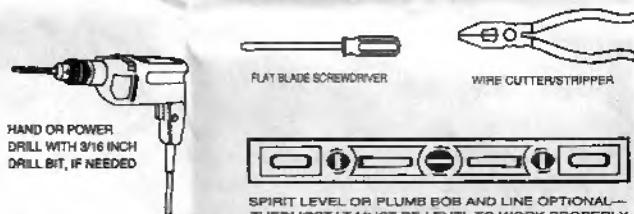


Figure 1.

WHITE-RODGERS  
 EMERSON ELECTRIC CO.  
 9797 REAVIS ROAD  
 ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63123-5398  
[www.white-rodgers.com](http://www.white-rodgers.com)

## ① PREPARATIONS

Assemble tools required as shown below.



Failure to follow and read all instructions carefully before installing or operating this control could cause personal injury and/or property damage

## ③ REMOVING OLD THERMOSTAT

### ⚠ CAUTION

To prevent electrical shock and/or equipment damage, disconnect electrical power to the system at the main fuse or circuit breaker until installation is complete.

Before removing wires from old thermostat's switching subbase, label each wire with the terminal designation it was removed from.

Some models also include an **adaptor plate** to cover unpainted surfaces. Thermostat wires pass through the adaptor plate center opening.

1. **Remove Old Thermostat:** A standard heat/cool thermostat consists of three basic parts:

- The cover, which may be either a snap-on or hinge type.
- The base, which is removed by loosening all captive screws.
- The switching subbase, which is removed by unscrewing the mounting screws that hold it on the wall or adaptor plate.

Make a note here \_\_\_\_\_ of the anticipator setting on the old thermostat for future reference and use in step 5.

The heat anticipator pointer, if adjustable, will be set at one of a series of numbers representing the current rating of the primary control in your furnace. The number will be one of the following: .2, .4, .8, etc. or 0.2, 0.4, 0.8, etc.

If no heat anticipator/indication is showing, do not be concerned; move on to the next step.

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### 3 REMOVING OLD THERMOSTAT

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**ATTENTION!** This product does not contain mercury. However, this product may replace a unit which contains mercury. Do not open mercury cells. If a cell becomes damaged, do not touch any spilled mercury. Wearing non-absorbent gloves, take up the spilled mercury and place into a container which can be sealed. If a cell becomes damaged, the unit should be discarded. Mercury must not be discarded in household trash. When the unit this product is replacing is to be discarded, place in a suitable container and return to White-Rodgers at 9797 Reavis Road, St. Louis, MO, 63123-5398 for proper disposal.

### 4 MOUNTING AND WIRING

#### ! WARNING

Do not use on circuits exceeding specified voltage. Higher voltage will damage control and could cause shock or fire hazard.

Do not short out terminals on gas valve or primary control to test. Short or incorrect wiring will damage thermostat and could cause personal injury and/or property damage.

Thermostat installation and all components of the system shall conform to Class II circuits per the NEC code.

#### 903990, 903994 & 918082 (Heat Only Two Wire):

- Mount base and adaptor plate: Mount base and adaptor plate (optional) to wall using screws provided (see Fig. 1).
- Attach wires: Attach one wire to R and the other wire to W on base.
- Skip to Step #5.

#### 903992 & 918081 (Heating and Cooling):

- Remove base from subbase: Loosen the three screws on the base and remove.
- Mount switching subbase/adaptor plate: Use the screws provided to mount the subbase and adaptor plate (optional) to wall (see Fig. 1).
- Attach wires to appropriate terminals:

- For two wire systems (Heat Only or Cool Only). If you have a two-wire Heat Only system, attach one wire to RH and one to wire W. If you have a two-wire Cool Only system, attach one wire to RC and one to wire to Y. Leave the factory installed jumper between RC and RH attached. Tighten any unused terminals securely.
- If your system has more than two wires: Use the cross reference chart to determine correct wire connections. If you have a four-wire heat/cool system leave the factory installed jumper between RC and RH attached (see Fig 2.). If your system has five wires remove the factory installed jumper between RC and RH (see Fig 3.).

#### ! CAUTION

Take care when securing and routing wires so they do not short to adjacent terminals or rear of thermostat. Personal injury and/or property damage may occur.

#### TERMINAL CROSS REFERENCE CHART

New Thermostat Terminal Designation	Other Manufacturers' Terminal Designation	*	*
RH	4	RH	M
RC	R	R	V
G	G	G	F
W	W	W	H
Y	Y	Y	C
		Y6	Y

\* These are four-wire, single-transformer systems. Factory installed jumper wire between the RH and RC terminals must remain in place.

- Mount Thermostat Base: Gently push excess wire back into the wall opening and plug hole with a fire-resistant material, such as fiberglass insulation to prevent drafts from affecting thermostat operation. Mount the thermostat base to the subbase using the three captive screws on the thermostat base. (See Fig. 1) Tighten the screws securely. Remove paper tag from plastic contact cover. Proceed to Step #5.

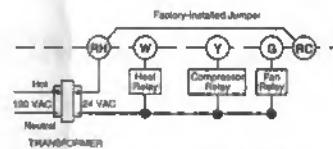


Figure 2. Typical wiring for single transformer heating/cooling system



Figure 3. Typical wiring for two-transformer heating/cooling system

## 5 SET HEAT ANTICIPATOR

Set anticipator to match the setting of your old thermostat you noted in Step 3, or, the anticipator should be set to match the current rating stamped on your main heating control. The heat anticipator is adjustable from 0.15 to 1.2 amps. Adjust the anticipator by rotating the contact arm (see fig. 5). The anticipator setting is indicated by the numbers on the base that the pointer points to. If you are unsure where to set the anticipator contact the heater manufacturer for a recommended setting.

Move the pointer **counterclockwise to lengthen** heating system cycles; move **clockwise to shorten** heating cycles. Adjustments should not be greater than 1/2 marking at a time.

**Snap on Cover:** Carefully align the cover with the base and snap the cover onto the base.

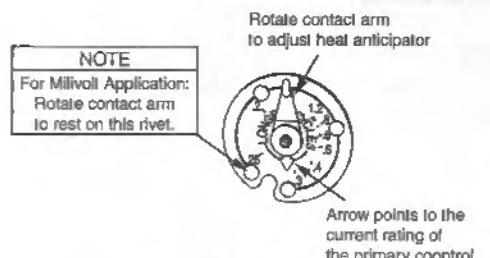
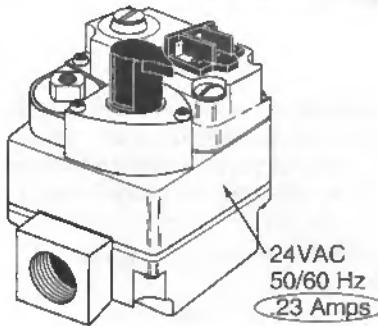
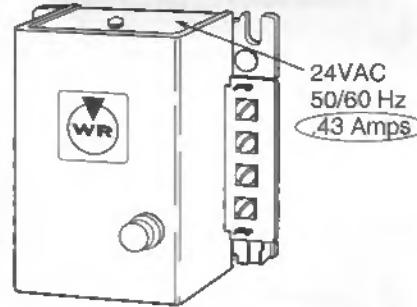


Figure 5. Anticipator adjustment

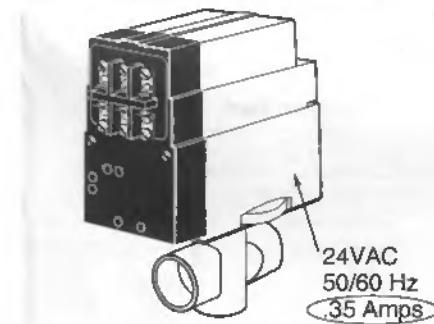
Typical Gas Valve



Typical Oil Primary



Typical Zone Valve



## 6 NEW THERMOSTAT OPERATION

**903990, 903994 & 918082 Heat Only** – After power is turned on, slide temperature lever to desired setting. To turn heat off, slide lever all the way to the left until it clicks.

**903992 & 918081** – This thermostat is easy to operate. Fig. 6 shows how the heating/cooling system and fan operate when the switches are in various positions. After power is turned on, use the system switch to select either heating or cooling, or to turn the heating/cooling system off. Use the fan switch to control fan operation. When the fan switch is in the **AUTO** position, the fan will cycle with the heating or cooling system (the fan will not run if the system switch is in the **OFF** position and the fan switch is in the **AUTO** position). When the fan switch is in the **ON** position, the fan will run continuously, regardless of system switch position (even if the system switch is set to **OFF**, the fan will run if the fan switch is in the **ON** position).

Shows switch position		OPERATION
FAN	SYSTEM	
AUTO	ON	COOL OFF HEAT
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> No heating; no cooling; no fan
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> No heating; no cooling; fan runs continuously
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Cooling system cycles from thermostat; fan runs continuously
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Cooling system and fan cycle from thermostat
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heating system cycles from thermostat; fan cycles from fan control on furnace
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heating system cycles from thermostat; fan runs continuously

Figure 6. Subbase switching and thermostat/system operation (903992 & 918081 only)

## 7 SPECIFICATIONS

### ELECTRICAL DATA

Switch Rating	24 VAC (30 VAC max.)
Heating	0.15 to 1.2 Amps
Cooling	0 to 1.5 Amps
Switch Action	Snap Action
Anticipator Rating:	
Heating	Adjustable from 0.15 to 1.2 Amps
Cooling	Fixed

### THERMAL DATA:

Temperature Range	50°F to 90°F (10°C to 32°C)
Operating Humidity Range	0 – 90% noncondensing

## 8 TROUBLESHOOTING

Symptom	Possible Cause	Corrective Action
<b>No Heat/No Cool/No Fan (common problems)</b>	1. Blown fuse or tripped circuit breaker. 2. Furnace power switch to OFF. 3. Furnace blower compartment door or panel loose or not properly installed.	Replace fuse or reset breaker. Turn switch to ON. Replace door panel in proper position to engage safety interlock or door switch.
<b>No Heat</b>	1. Pilot light not lit. 2. Broken or melted anticipator wire.  3. Loose connection to thermostat or system.  4. Thermostat or heating system requires replacement or service.  5. System Switch not set to Heat.	Re-light pilot. Excessive current or dead short in system. Have a qualified service person check the system before replacing thermostat. Verify thermostat and system wires are securely attached. Your furnace manufacturer or service person can describe how to test the heating system to verify it is operating correctly. If the heating system is capable of operation and the no heat condition persists, replace the thermostat. Set System Switch to Heat and raise temp above room temp.
<b>Intermittent Heat</b>	1. Furnace Lock-Out Condition	Many furnaces have safety devices that shut the system down when a lock-out condition occurs. If the heat works intermittently contact the furnace manufacturer or local service person for assistance.
<b>No Cool</b>	1. Loose connection to thermostat or system.  2. Thermostat or cooling system requires replacement or service.  3. System Switch not set to Cool.	Verify thermostat and system wires are securely attached. Your cooling system manufacturer or service person can describe how to test the cooling system to verify it is operating correctly. If the cooling system is capable of operation and the no cooling condition persists, replace the thermostat. Set System Switch to Cool and lower temp below room temp.
<b>Heat, Cool or Fan Runs Constantly.</b>	1. Possible short in wiring. 2. Possible short in thermostat. 3. Possible short in heat/cool/fan system.	Check each wire connection to the thermostat to verify it is neatly looped under the terminals. No extra wire should stick out from under the terminals.
<b>Furnace Cycles Too Fast or Too Slow Narrow or wide temperature swing</b>	See Step 5, Adjusting the Anticipator.	The anticipation setting is the only adjustment that affects the heating cycle rate. If an acceptable cycle rate is not achieved using the anticipator contact a local service person for additional suggestions. The location of the thermostat, size of the Heat/Cool System and current draw can influence the cycle rate.
<b>Cooling Cycles Too Fast or Too Slow (narrow or wide temperature swing)</b>	1. Poor thermostat location for sensing room temperature. 2. Cooling system over or undersized. 3. Excessive Current draw influencing thermostat.	The cycle rate for cooling can not be adjusted. The location of the thermostat, size of the Cool system and current draw can influence the cycle rate. Contact a local service person for suggestions.